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**GOV. EASLEY DENIES CLEMENCY IN BATES CASE**

**RALEIGH-** Gov. Easley today denied the clemency petition filed by Joseph Earl Bates, a convicted murderer scheduled for execution at 2:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2003.

Bates is on death row for the August 12, 1990 torture and murder of Charles Edwin Jenkins, a Yadkin County resident. Bates was also convicted of first degree kidnapping and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

“Given the facts and circumstances of this case, I find no compelling reasons to invalidate the sentence recommended by two juries and affirmed by the courts,” said Easley.

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